(e) if so, the names of hospitals so affected and the steps being taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) · (a) No, such report has been received in the Ministry.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

(d) and (e). Health being a State subject it is the responsibility of State Governments to provide medicines and Equipment in the hospitals under their control.

Objectionable References in Text Books

2800. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ·

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that text books for schools in Jammu and Kashmir and in other States contain objectionable refetences hurting patriotic sentiments of Indian Republic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA). (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Folk Arts of Orissa

2801 SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to protect the folk arts of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R BOMMAI) : (a) and (b). Government of India, Department of Culture have already launched a Scheme for Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture. Under this scheme financial assistance is provided to the voluntary institution/individuals engaged in the preservation, promotion and dissemination of tribal and folk art and culture. The folk arts of Orissa are also covered under this scheme and during the last year i.e. 1995-96, financial assistance has been provided to the following organisations individuals of Orissa.

1995-96.

1.	Adibasi Sanskrita Gabesana Parisad, Sinapali, Orissa.	Rs. 1,40,000/-
2.	Shri R.P. Das, Bhubaneswar	Rs. 1,60,000/-
3.	Orissa Sahitya Akademi, Bhubaneswar	Rs. 75,000/-
4.	Sate Jawahar Jal Bhavan, Bhubneswar	Rs. 1,00,000/-
5.	Social Scheme & Development Research Instt., Bhubneswar	Rs. 93,000/-
6.	Shri P.K. Das, Bhubneswer	Rs. 50,000/-
7.	Shri D.N. Rao, Bhubneswer	Rs. 1,20,000/-

Ultimate Potential of Teesta Project

2802. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1318 on July 22, 1996 and state:

(a) whether against an ultimate potential of 527 thousand hectares, a potential of 73.55 thousand hectares was likely to be created by March 1996;

(b) whether the potential of 73.55 thousand hectares has been created by March 1996; and

(c) if not, the time by which the potential is likely to be created as per position till date?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Maharashtra

2803. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to open Novodaya Vidyalayas in Maharashtra is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Central University in Kerala

2804. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a demand has been made by the Government of Kerala for setting up of a Central University in Kerala; and

(b) if so, ths reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. Moreoyer in view of the directives of the National Policy on Education - 1986, as amended in 1992, the Central Government does not encourage setting up of more Central Universities.

Water Sports Complex

2805. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation for the financial assistance for the construction of the Water Sports Complex at Alleppey in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) The Union Government had received a proposal for financial assistance for construction of an outdoor stadium at Punnamada lake as a part of Water Sports Complex at Alappuzha, Alleppey, Kerala.

(b) Since the proposal did not conform to the provisions of this Departmental schemes of Grant for Creation of Sports Infrastructure, the Govt. of Kerala has been informed of the inability to render any financial assistance.

[Translation]

New Technique

2806. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for providing information relating to latest techniques of treatment to doctors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this scheme; and

(d) the date by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir, Government doctors from all over the country are regularly sent abroad for training in various health related fields to keep them abreast of the latest techniques of treatment.

During the years 1994-95, 571 doctors health professionals were sent abroad on WHO/Commonwealth Fellowship.

Similarly under continuing Medical Education Programme, medical practitioners get exposure to the latest developments in the health sector.

In addition, No Objection Certificates were also granted to 3088 doctors during the same period to pursue higher studies/residency training abroad at their own expense.

[English]

Defence Deals Investigated by CBI

2807. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases pertaining to defence deals investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation; and

(b) the number of cases in which investigation has been completed so far and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Following 4 cases pertaining to defence deals have been investigated by CBI:-

(i) RC.1(A)/90-ACU.IV (Bofors Case)

(ii) RC.1(A)/90-ACU.I (HDW Submarine Case)

(iii) RC.62(A)/88-DLI (Purchase of 'Sniper Rifles with Telescope)

(iv) PE.5(A)/94-DLI (M/s Ashok Leyland Case)

(b) Investigations in 2 cases i.e. RC.62(A)/88-DLI and PE.5(A)/94-DLI have since been completed. Case No.62(A)/88-DLI was closed for want of sufficient evidence and in case No.PE.5(A)/94-DLI the CBI had forwarded a report recommending watch over the conduct of the concerned officer.

Widening of Karakoram Highway

2808. SHRI PINAKI MISRA :
SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in 'Hindustan Times' dated May 21, 1996 regarding widening of Karakoram highway linking Pakistan with China; and

(b) if so, whether the Government view it as a development of strategic concern in the context of peace prospects in the region and the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.